

## **ENROLLED BILL REPORTS (EBR)**

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An enrolled bill is a Senate or Assembly bill which has been passed by both houses of the Legislature and is before the Governor for consideration. As prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California, a bill becomes law if it is signed by the Governor. The Governor may veto a bill by returning it with objections (veto message) to the house of origin. Two-thirds majority vote in each house is required before a bill that has been vetoed can become law. Any bill passed by the Legislature and is in possession of the Governor and not returned on or before a specified date (please see below) becomes statute ("passed without signature"). The Governor may reduce or eliminate one or more items of appropriation ("line item veto" or blue pencil") while approving other portions of a bill.

Enrolled bill reports (better known as **EBRs**) are not completed for resolutions or constitutional amendments; these do not require approval by the Governor. The primary purpose of the enrolled bill report is to provide the Governor with information concerning the probable effect of proposed legislation and to recommend whether the Governor should sign or veto the bill. Enrolled bill reports are confidential and cannot be released outside of the department. Any requests for such information should be referred to the Office of Legislation.

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